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Senate Bill No. 397

Senate, March 19, 2002

The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-261 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (a) The building official, to be eligible for appointment, shall have
5 had at least five years' experience in construction, design or
6 supervision and assistant building officials shall have had at least three
7 years' experience in construction, design or supervision, or equivalent
8 experience as determined by the Commissioner of Public Safety. They
9 shall be generally informed on the quality and strength of building
10 materials, on the accepted requirements of building construction, on
11 the accepted requirements of design and construction relating to
12 accessibility to and use of buildings by the physically disabled, on
13 good practice in fire prevention, on the accepted requirements

14 regarding light and ventilation, on the accepted requirements for safe
15 exit facilities and on other items of equipment essential for the safety,
16 comfort and convenience of occupants and shall be certified under the
17 provisions of section 29-262.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2002</i> |

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIALS**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the public safety commissioner to substitute equivalent experience for the experience requirements necessary to become a local building official or assistant building official. Under current law, a local building official must have at least five years experience in construction, design, or supervision; an assistant building official must have at least three years experience.

By law, these officials must generally be informed on a wide range of building and construction issues and must be licensed (or certified, where applicable). To obtain the credential, an applicant must pass a written examination and complete an educational training program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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